

6th Grade Jewish Studies and Tanach Syllabus 09-10/5770

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Tanach: Selections from all five books of the *Torah* will be studied. Emphasis will be placed on intensive study of smaller sections of text as opposed to broad overviews. Skills will include:

Biblical Hebrew Grammar concepts and reading skills.

Role of translations.

Inner biblical commentary.

Rashi, and introduction to selected commentaries

The purpose and use of *Ta'ame Ha'Miqrah* (Cantillation marks).

We will also explore the methodological approach of Nechama Leibowitz.

In line with our study of the Holidays we will explore: *Kohelet, Maccabees, Esther and Ruth.*

Torah She'B'al Peh (Oral Tradition): Beginning study of *Mishnah*. Emphasis will be placed on the relationship of *Miqrah* (Torah Text) to *Mishnah*, the historical and social context of the *Mishnah* and basic study concepts. Chapters One and Two of Baba Metzia will be covered in addition to selections from other Tractates.

Tefillah: The *Siddur* will be studied as a basic text. Focus will be on the *Mincha* (afternoon) service with an emphasis on the *Amidah*. Class study will be supplemented by regular *Mincha* services in class. We will also study texts related to *Tefillah* to enhance the spiritual aspects of prayer.

Chagim and Luach: Ongoing study of the Jewish calendar and Holidays. This year the focus will be on the *Regalim: Succot, Pesach and Shavuot.*

Current Events: This will be a first step to ensure that Barrack graduates are articulate and knowledgeable consumers of current events as they affect Israel and the world wide Jewish community. Emphasis will be placed on critical reading.

Informal Activities: Last, but certainly not least, informal activities will be a regular part of the lives of our students. Through weekly *Oneg Shabbats*, holiday celebrations, and, *Chesed* and *Tzedakah* projects we hope to create an atmosphere that excites and encourages our students to become active, life long members of the Jewish community.